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1. FOLLOWING QUOTATION FROM SEPTEMBER 11 PRO-GOVERNMENT
GUN AYDIN EDITORIAL REPORTED AS INDICATIVE OF PRESENT "WE CAN
GO IT ALONE" ATTITUDE PROPOUNDED IN PRESS AND HEARD IN PUBLIC AND
PRIVATE STATEMENTS OF SENIOR TURKISH OFFICIALS:

2. "THE US, A NATO COUNTRY, ASSISTS TURKEY, ALSO A NATO
COUNTRY, FOR HER OWN INTERESTS TOO. TURKEY, IN RETURN FOR AID
FROM AMERICA HAS UNDERTAKEN CERTAIN COMMITMENTS. TO DEFEND
NATO, SHE HAS MAINTAINED A VERY LARGE ARMY. SOME AMERICAN
SENATORS WHO FAIL TO KEEP THESE FACTS IN MIND, IN ORDER TO APPEAR
ATTRACTIVE TO GREEK VOTERS IN US ARE USING THE SAME ISSUE AND
ASKING THAT AID BE CUT TO TURKEY... COUNTRIES CANNOT LIVE ALONE
OR IN ISOLATION ANY LONGER. WHEN FRIENDSHIPS END IN ONE PLACE,
THEY ARE FORMED ELSEWHERE. THERE ARE MANY COUNTRIES READY TO
COME CLOSER TO TURKEY AND TURKEY'S MEANS OF OBTAINING ASSISTANCE
FROM OTHER SOURCES ARE NOT FEW. FURTHERMORE, IT MUST BE
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REMEMBERED, IN DIFFICULT PERIODS TURKEY HAS OFTEN BEEN ALONE. IF

THE US IS ONLY HELPING TURKEY IN ORDER TO USE THIS ASSISTANCE AS A
WEAPON AGAINST HER AT TIMES, THEN LET THIS AID END. THE AMERICAN
SENATORS WHO KEEP HARPING ON US AID TO TURKEY MUST REMEMBER THIS:
IT IS INDEPENDENCE WHICH COMES FIRST FOR US, NOT AMERICAN AID, AND
EVEN IF AMERICA CUTS HER AID, OUR CYPRUS POLICY WILL NOT CHANGE.
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